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RADIOMETAL-BINDING PEPTIDE ANALOGS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Examiner: T. Wessendorf

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period of 3 months from the mailing of the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants believe that no extensions of time are necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application. If, however, extensions of time are deemed necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), please substitute for the following original paragraph, the following rewritten version of the same paragraph, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Page 8, line 27 to Page 9, line 22: